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Ms. Phillis Johnson-Ball
Surface Transportation Board
Section on Environmental Analysis
1925 K Street, NW
Washington, DC 20423

April 18, 2006

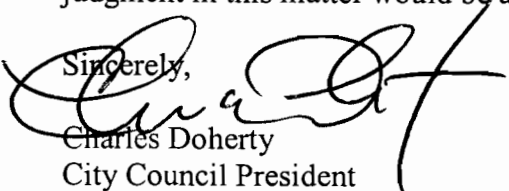
Re: NEPA's review of New England Transrail, LLC's petition to acquire, construct and operate as a rail carrier, Docket No. 34797

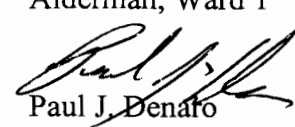
Dear Ms. Johnson-Ball,

The Woburn City Council opposes New England Transrail, LLC's (NET) petition to construct and operate a rail carrier on land in Woburn and Wilmington. We opposed NET's first submittal to the Surface Transportation Board and we oppose their resubmission. The City Council continues to contend that the concerns raised by the City of Woburn have yet to be addressed in NET's petitions (see attached the City Council's comment letters dated 10/21/2003, 6/18/2003, 7/9/2003, 8/17/2004, 1/18/2005, 12/19/2006 and the City Solicitor's comments dated 9/7/2004 & 1/14, 2005). We fear that the premature, re-use of the Olin property could be detrimental to efforts to remediate the site and to the protection of our water resources along the Aberjona River Basin. Furthermore, the proposed onsite traffic control measures are insufficient to regulate heavy trucking along Route 38 in Woburn, a residential area. The proposed use threatens public safety and quality of life in North Woburn.

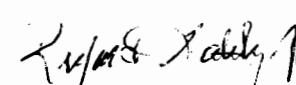
We believe that the Surface Transportation Board should await the completion of EPA's human health and ecological risk assessment, proposed remedial actions and the resulting Record of Decision, before a reasoned decision is made about potential reuse of the site. A rush to judgment in this matter would be a major injustice to the residents of Woburn and Wilmington.

Sincerely,


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The Honorable Edward Kennedy, US Senate

The Honorable John Kerry, US Senate

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The Honorable Edward Markey, US House of Representatives

The Honorable Bruce Tarr, Mass. State Senate

The Honorable Robert Havern, Mass. State Senate

The Honorable James Miceli, Mass. House of Representative

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